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| clo | sed in accordance with the practice under E | x parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11 | , 453 O.G. 213. | • | | |
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| 4)⊠ Cla | nim(s) <u>1-29</u> is/are pending in the application. | | | | | |
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| 6)⊠ Cla | nim(s) <u>1-29</u> is/are rejected. | | | | | |
| 7)☐ Cla | nim(s) is/are objected to. | | | | | |
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| Priority unde | er 35 U.S.C. § 119 | | | | | |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 2. Claims 1-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haino (5,089,366) in view of Law (2003/0113643). Haino teaches similar photoreceptors where the charge transport material contains a phenothiazine group, a phenoxazine group, or a phenazine group (col. 27-30). Haino does not specifically teach linking multiple phenothiazine groups, phenoxazine groups, or phenazine groups together. Law teaches linking similar charge transport materials together through the use of a linking group in similar organophotoreceptor applications. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to link the phenothiazine groups, phenoxazine groups, or phenazine groups taught by Haino in a similar manner as taught by Law because of the known use of similar related charge transport materials and the expectation of similar results due to the linked groups.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark A. Chapman whose telephone number is 571-272-1381. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Huff can be reached on 571-272-1385. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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